

City of Gulfport News Release

Police Department PIO

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Chief Alan Weatherford today announced that:

Case #: 11-003320

On January 30, 2011, the Gulfport Police Department arrested 21 year old Justin Domonique Holmes of Gulfport and charged him with murder.

On January 29, 2011, at approximately 2:10 p.m. officers from the Gulfport Police Department responded to the area of Ohio Ave south of Holly Circle in reference to a shooting.

Upon arrival, the victim 25 year old Kyle Raymon Oatis of Gulfport was found in his vehicle suffering from a gunshot wound and was transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

During the course of the following investigation it was found that the victim and unknown suspects had been involved in a physical altercation which escalated to gun shots being fired. Oatis' vehicle later crashed striking a bridge on Ohio Ave.

Holmes was later identified by witnesses as the gunmen and a warrant was issued for his arrest by Justice Court Judge Melvin Ray with a bond of \$2,000,000.00.

On January 30, 2011, Holmes arrived at the Gulfport Police Department and surrendered to authorities without incident and upon the completion of booking and processing he was transported to the Harrison County Adult Detention Facility in lieu of bond.



This investigation is ongoing, and anyone with information is asked to contact the Gulfport Police Department at 228 868-5959. You can contact Crimestoppers at www.mscoastercrimestoppers.com or by telephone at 1-877-787-5898. You can also text CSTIP plus your message to 274637(CRIMES).